In re the Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of USSN: 10/212,093

Preliminary Amendment dated March 29, 2004

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Currently Amended): A guide device comprising:
 - a screw axis having a helical rolling path;
 - a nut having a helical rolling groove opposed to the helical rolling path;
 - a plurality of balls rolling between the helical rolling path and the helical rolling

groove; and

a boll ball interference preventer;

wherein the ball interference preventer comprises a plurality of spacers interposed between each balls, and

wherein the ball interference preventer is formed of a thermoplastic resin elastomer having a physical property in accordance with an expression, $(AxB) \div C \ge 18$, where A represents a 10% elongation stress, B represents a tensile strength, and C represents a bending modulus of elasticity.